

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : Continuation of 10/387,505  
Applicant : Peter T. Halpin et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

Prior to taking any action on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks".